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City of Fairview 1300 NE Village Street Fairview, Oregon

APRIL 2013

CITY OF FAIRVIEW NOTICE OF BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

A public meeting of the Budget Committee of the City of Fairview, Multnomah County, State of Oregon, to discuss the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, will be held at Fairview City Hall, 1300 NE Village Street, Fairview, Oregon. The meeting will take place on Monday, April 15th and continue on Monday, April 22th, and continued on Monday, April 29th if requested by the Budget Committee. The meeting will convene at 6:00 P.M. on the second floor of Fairview City Hall. The purpose of the meeting is to receive the budget message and to receive comment from the public on the budget. A copy of the budget document may be inspected or obtained on or after April 9th at Fairview City Hall, between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. This is a public meeting where deliberation of the Budget Committee will take place. Any person may appear at the meeting and discuss the proposed programs with the Budget Committee. www.fairvieworegon.gov

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM YOUR POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Beware of Money Scams

The Fairview Police Department has been taking reports of money scams which have mostly targeted elderly residents. The scams have been known as the "Grandparent Scam", which works by an unknown person somehow getting information about the elderly person and knowing they have a grandchild, the name of the grandchild and the approximate age.

The unknown person then calls the Grandparent, poses as the grandchild and tells them a story about being in trouble and needing money. Most of the stories have to do with being in jail in Mexico and needing money to be bailed out. They will also have someone else posing as an authority figure, i.e. U.S. Ambassador, get on the phone and explain to the Grandparent that the money is for legal fees, how to send the money and for the person not to tell anyone about the case the grandchild is involved with, because it is an ongoing investigation.

Asking a few personal questions to the person posing as the grandchild, plus making a few phone calls of your own to family members, will be simple ways to verify if the story is true or not.

Fairview News Headlines.... Please visit the

Fairview website at

fairvieworegon.gov and catch up on some of the headlines happening in Fairview including:

- * Spring Clean-Up....
- * Farmers' Market Returns to Village Street....
- Notice of Budget Committee
 Meetings...

More articles posted every week...

City Webpage Spotlight

Did you know the City website has a webpage dedicated to Economic Development? This page and the links associated with it provide a wealth of information for business owners looking to locate in Fairview, or local businesses looking to expand. This page can be found by going to: fairviewore-gon.gov, then click "Departments", then click "Economic Development",

If you have any questions regarding the information on this page please contact Development Analyst Erika Fitzgerald at 503-674-6206.

An "Events" web page is coming this month to highlight events happening in Fairview and East County.

APRIL CITY MEETINGS & EVENTS

City Council Work Session	April 3
City Council Meeting	April 3
Planning Commission	April 9
Economic Development Advisory Committee	April 11
Budget Committee Meeting	April 15
Mayor's Business Roundtable	April 18
Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee	April 18
Public Safety Advisory Committee	April 18
Budget Committee Meeting	April 22
Planning Commission Meeting	April 23
Budget Committee Meeting	April 29
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All meetings are subject to cancellation.

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A Message from Metro Councilor Shirley Craddick, District #1......This May, voters in Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington counties will decide whether to approve a 5-year levy for water quality improvements, habitat restoration and expanded opportunities for people to use Metro's parks and natural areas. The local option levy is set at 9.6 cents \$1,000 of assessed home value – it would cost the typical homeowner about \$20 per year. In 2006 the voters asked Metro to purchase the region's most special land, before it's too late. Habitat is protected across the Portland metropolitan area, ensuring that nature is always close to home and helping make the Metro region a better place to live. Metro has been managing their land portfolio for 25 years out of their general fund, but the portfolio has grown. Property tax laws don't allow funds that are used to purchase land to be used for restoration and maintenance.

The funds would be used to:

Improve water quality in local rivers and streams, including the Clackamas and Sandy rivers, Columbia Slough and others, to benefit salmon and other native fish

Restore wildlife habitat and remove invasive weeks that threaten the health of native plants that wildlife need for food and shelter Improve visitor services in Metro parks, including replacing aging restrooms, paths and playgrounds at Oxbow and Blue Lake parks Provide nature education programs to school-aged children

Provide grants to community groups that connect people with nature in their neighborhoods

Many of the planned improvements will directly be targeted at Metro properties in the City of Fairview, such as Chinook Landing Marine Park, the 41- acre Columbia Shoreline natural area, and Blue Lake Regional Park. These facilities draw almost 490,000 visitors each year to the City of Fairview influencing the city's economy. Restoration projects go well beyond typical "environmental" work. Projects create jobs for construction workers, landscapers, heavy equipment operators, and technical experts such as engineers. Restoration projects also create demand for local businesses, such as plant nurseries, quarries and others.

To have your voice heard contact Councilor Craddick at....shirley.craddick@oregonmetro.gov, 503-797-1547 (w), 600 NE Grand Ave., Portland, OR 97232-2736, www.oregonmetro.gov



Natural Gardening and Water Quality

A major source of stormwater pollution is the runoff from lawn and gardens. When it rains or we irrigate our lawns, the runoff picks up herbicides, pesticides and chemical fertilizers and carries them into storm drains and ditches which then flow to our creeks and lakes. These pollutants add nutrients that cause algae growth and harm stream life.

One way you can protect water quality is to create natural landscaping that needs less watering and chemicals and is resistant to pests and disease. Native plants, trees and shrubs have adapted to the area and need less water and maintenance. Here are six easy steps to grow a healthy lawn and garden:

Step 1: **Build Healthy Soil** – Healthy soil is the foundation to healthy plants. Healthy plants naturally resist diseases and pests and therefore require less care.

Step 2: *Grow Plants that Thrive in Our Environment* – Choose plants that do well in the Pacific Northwest soil and climate.

Step 3: **Grow a Diverse Garden** – Planting a wide variety of plants in your garden will create a more balanced ecosystem.

Step 4: **Get to Know Your Bugs** – Not all bugs are bad and even the presence of some bad ones is not necessarily a sign of problems. Get to know which ones are helpful, and whether you really need to take action against them.

Step 5: *Try Non-toxic Pest Control* – There are many ways to control pests without using pesticides. If you must use a pesticide choose the least toxic product.

Step 6: **Rethink You Lawn** – There are many different options that you can explore when it comes to taking care of your lawn, for example; grass cycle, use organic or slow-release fertilizer, water deeply but infrequently, aerate, over seed and use compost, skip the weed and feed, and have less lawn.

If you would like more in-depth information on the steps listed above, The City of Fairview has informational brochures available to you. Stop by the second floor of city hall to pick-up brochures.

Spring Clean Up

To encourage spring cleanup, 12 Mile Disposal customers will be allowed the equivalent of five, 30-gallon trash cans free of charge on their regular trash pick-up day during the week of May 20th. Also, the City of Fairview has arranged with Allwood Recyclers, at no cost to you, for residents to drop off up to two cubic yards of yard debris during the month of May 2013. (No sod or dirt will be accepted).



Allwood Recyclers is located at 23001 NE Marine Drive in Fairview. Residents must present a coupon and Fairview identification to be eligible. Look for the All-

wood coupon in May's utility bills.

City of Fairview Department Contact Information

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